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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed April 29, 1998, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 7-13, 15, 17, 23 and 25 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A device for protecting a circuit against voltage surges,

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a MOS transistor of a first type directly connected to first and second supply terminals by

its source and its drain, respectively, wherein said transistor of the first type shunts said voltage surges between said supply terminals in response to said voltage surges;

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